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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I'm writing in support of of broadband competition.

I chose a local provider, Sonic, for internet service when I moved to Sonoma. The only other available provider was AT&T's--cable doesn't reach my house. Sonic did not disappoint. When I call them, a technician answers the phone, not voicemail, and their rates allow my wife and I affordable internet service.

Without good broadband, neither my wife or I could do our jobs. We are required to be online much of the day, and we're on video conferencing for a large portion of it.

If companies like Sonic can't keep up with connection speeds, stay competitive on price and upgrade to Fiber as the major players are, we'll be back down to one choice for internet.

Lastly, the major competitors could learn a lot from the service our smaller provider offers. When they no longer have any competition, I have to imagine their service will get even worse. Isn't one of the FCC's missions to protect us from exactly this type of scenario?

Many thanks.

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